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and so maybe this same question ran through your mind and I don't know. I'd like to have some clarification here. I question whether we really are changing the Rules here.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Proud, do you care to respond?

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, we can decide on all this Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday or any cotton-pickin' day we want. Let's get on the next order of business. We're going to waste the rest of the morning.

PRESIDENT: All right. Let it stand, then, as your vote as a statement of policy and the clerk will clear the Board. Do we have notices of Committee Hearings or Reports.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a request to be excused on Tuesday, March 27th. Signed, Senator Fred Carstens.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fred Carstens asking to be excused Tuesday. Are there any objections? Hearing none, So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Enrolling Clerk reports--read. Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review... read. Mr. President, we have a communication from the Secretary of State, of the state of Rhode Island...

PRESIDENT: Read the communication.

CLERK: ...forwarding a copy of a Resolution adopted by the state of Rhode Island requesting the Governor to proclaim one day a week during the month of April as meatless day.

PRESIDENT: They sent that to the wrong state.

CLERK: It will be on file in my office.

PRESIDENT: Do we have any other momentous news on the desk? Are there any other announcements on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a report from the Retirement Systems Committee relative to a conversation between Senator Syas, Senator Whitney, and the Attorney General which will be inserted in full in the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: OK. Senator Whitney had asked to be recognized first, Senator Carpenter. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wrote up a brief report of this problem of the state Senators Retirement program and I do have a correction, Vince, that I want to put on that report I just gave you and I'd like for it to be printed in the Journal and I think it will be and then Senator Syas would like to take it up probably next Monday or Tuesday.

PRESIDENT: So ordered. Senator Carpenter, did you...did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think, Mr. Chairman, because this is an agriculture state in which feeding is certainly basic to our whole economy, we ought to, at least, go through the motions to say that we are not in concurrence and I would hope the vote would be unanimous to turn it down.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer. Go ahead, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And after all, it's requested by another state. So I move, Mr. Chairman, that we take a voice vote or whatever kind of vote you want to that we are not in concurrence and will not agree and are opposed to that kind of an